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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 11, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Times Amended) A photothermographic material (Three comprising a support having provided on one surface thereof at least one kind of light-sensitive silver halide, a lightinsensitive organic silver salt, a reducing agent for silver ions, and a binder, wherein the photothermographic material comprises a surface active agent represented by the following formula (F):